Everything Needful for the Poultry Fancier

Brooding aids to POULTRY RAISERS Wire In the Garden, But Allow

Specialist Suggests Ways for Rearing Strong Vigorous Chickens.

While it is still winter weather the oultry raiser is considering the raising of spring chickens for the market, and among other important problems are those of brooding. Brooding with hens, according to the United States Department of Agriculture's specialists, is the simplest and easiest way to raise a few chickens, and is the method which is used almost exclusively on the av-erage farm. Artificial brooders are mecessary where late winter or very sarly chickens are raised, where only Leghorns or other nonsitting breeds of poultry are kept, or where large numhers of chickens are raised commer-

Sitting bens should be confined to elightly darkened nests at hatching time, and not disturbed unless they step on or pick their chickens when hatching, in which case the chickens should be removed as soon as dry, in a basket lined with flannel or some other warm material, and kept near a fire until all the eggs are hatched; or the eggs may be removed and placed

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winter. If the house has a dirt floor, it is well to remove three or four inches from the top and substitute fresh gravel or sand.

If the floor is cement or wood, remove all litter and dirt and put in four or five inches of fresh straw or litter. Be sure that the house is tight or three sides and that there is no chance for a draft to strike the hens. If hens roost or are placed in a draft juring the fall and winter, colds are sure to develop, which may result in croup and other troubles.

The south side or front of the poultry house may be left comparatively open, but should be under control, so that the openings may be closed gradually as the weather becomes cold. Have muslin curtains in the front of the house, or leave a window partly open even on the coldest nights to allow some ventilation in the house. Fowls will stand considerable cold air provided it is dry, and ventilation will keep the air thoroughly dry in the house.

Early Months Best For Hatching Chicks

February, March, and April are the best months to hatch chickens, depending somewhat upon the individual, as well as the climatic conditions, according to a bulletin just issued by the Department of Agriculture. Chickens are hard to raise either in

cold, wet, or hot weather, and should not be hatched later than May 15 in the latitude of Washington if the pullets are desired for fall egg production, while an earlier date should complete the time of hatching farther south.

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The smaller breeds can be hatched later than those which are larger and slewer to develop, as they mature about a month earlier.

System and care in the management of sitting hens will produce a large number of chickens at a comparatively small expense. Even with the best of cage, some hens prove to be fickle mothers and cause trouble and loss in hatching by breaking their aggs, leaving their nests, or trampling on the chickens when first hatched.

Most hens of the general purpose breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Rhode Island Reds, and Orpingtons, make very good mothers.

The heavier class, or meat breeds, including the Brahmas and Cochins, make good sitters, but are inclined to be clumay on the nest.

The Leghorns and other Mediterranean breeds are very nervals, and usually do not make good mothers.

Hubby Uses Gas to Wake Wife Early in Morning

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.-S. E. Schoenfield, of Post street. Yonkers, his fourth wife. Ida. allexed in domestic relations court, uses gas as a novel method of waking her up in the morning.

She contends he gets up altegether too early. When she refused to get up so early, when ane revosed to get up so early, whe alleges, he opened the jet and let just enough gas in the bedroom to make it unbearable. The couple were separated twelve years ago, but became reconciled a month ago. Judge Beall ordered Schoenfield to provide separate maintenance.

Brief Hints For Poultry Raisers

Hens Free Range-Remove the Nails.

Allow the hens free range. Wire in the garden, not the hens. Stronger fertility is secured from birds on range.

Remove the male birds from the flock as soon as the hatching seasor is over, so as to moduce infertile eggs. Infertile eggs are produced by hens having no male birds with them. Infertile eggs keep much better than

those that are fertile.

The male tird has no influence on the mber of oggs laid. The hen's greatest profit-producing period is the first and second years. February and March are the best hatching menths. Chicks hatched dur-

hatching menths. Chicks hatched during these rights are freer from sore
bead than those hatched later.
Do not allow sitting hens to remain
in the henhouse. Hy so doing many
eggs are atarted to incubate, which renders them unfit for use at home or to
market.
If possible place the brood coops near
the cornfleid, which furnishes both shade
and fresh ground.

good.

Spray the brood coops once a week with some of these solutions and move to fresh ground.

Be sure and feed the table scraps to the fowin. Milk is one of the best feeds for egg production.

For additional information on poultry get in touch with your or may agent and State agricultural college.

Write to the Department of Agriculture, for Farmers' Bulletins on poultry. They are free for the asking.

Blind Negro Finds Possum LARUE, Ky., Feb. 20.—One day while Charles Ragland, a blind negro of this city, was coming out of the flaughter woods, near town, he heard an animal growling at his feet and struck out with his cane. The cane found its mark and he struck again and later learned that he had killed it. He located it with his feet, and, picking it up by the tail, discovered that it was a big, fine opossum.

Den of Snakes.

GREENVILLE, Pa.. Feb. 20.—Two residents of Stoneboro were walking through what is known as Lynch Woods, a heavy timber tract near the village, when they saw somethink moving near an old log. They investigated and discovered a snake, which they killed. The log was then moved a few inohes and a den of snakes was uncearthed. The men killed twenty-seven of them. They were blacksnakes and several were of good size.

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The number of commercial duck farms in the country is increasing somewhat, it is said, but the production of ducks on general farms is decreasing, especially in the Middle West. The last census reports show that ducks were kept on only 7.9 per cent of the farms in the country. The demand for ducks' eggs is more limited than for hens' eggs, and the demand for table ducks at good prices is, to a great exducks at good prices is, to a great ex-tent, confined to the large cities and is not nearly as general as the demand for chickens or fowls. For this rea-son it is advisable to study the market conditions before making any large in-

conditions before making any large investiment in ducks.

On the other hand, in a new publication of the department, Farmers' Bulletin 67, it is said that intensive duck farming on a large scale has been more successful than intensive chicken raising. The Pekin ducks which are kept extensively by commercial growers are less subject to disease than chickens, and artificial methods of hatching and rearing have been used very successfully with them. On seneral farms ducks can be raised with success and at a profit, though as a source of income they do not appear to be as well adapted to average farm conditions as fowls. Hitherto farmers have rarely given the necessary care to the feeding and marketing of their ducklings to secure any large share of the trade in fancy green ducks.

It is this trade which attracts the commercial duck farmer. A green duck is a duckling which is grown rapidly and marketed when from \$ to 13 weeks old, weighing at that time from \$4\tau\$ to 5 pounds. This rapid growth is made possible by an abundance of ore and good feeling. The highest prices are paid early in the spring, but, as has already been said, the demand is chiefly from the large cuties in the East and on the Pacific ceast. As a matter of fact, many farmers market their ducks in the fall at a lower price per bird than green ducks bring in the spring.

The Pekin breed of duck is kept almost exclusively by producers of green

raising a ten-weeks old Pekin duck is from 5 to 6 cents a pound. In the wholesale market, when marketed from April to November, they bring between 12 and 30 cents a pound. The cost of picking them is piaced at from 5 to 6 cents each, but this is practically covered by the value of the feathers, which being from 80 to 80 cents a pound when cured. Each duck yields about two mances of marketable feathers.

· Geese Frozen In. NICHOLAS, Ky., Feb. 20.-R. O. Dut

NICHOLAS, Ky., Feb. 20.—R. C. Duncan declares that one morning recently,
when he was en route to his farm, he
saw several geese frozen in the pond
on Bruce Hughes' place, in the suburbs
of Henryville. He, with another party,
freed the fowis by breaking the ice.
Nothing but a "goose" would have remained in the water long enough to be
made a prisoner by the ice. Evergreen Peach Tree. SUTTER CREEK, Cal., Feb. 20.—W.
L. Rose, an attorney here, has a curicisty at his home in the shape of an evergreen peach tree. While other trees planted in his garden at the same time and supposed to be of the same variety are bare, this tree stands out along in full leaf as fresh and green as ever.

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is best. Care should be taken to con-struct a house that cannot easily be-come infested with rats, and it is best come infested with rats, and it is best to leave space under the house into which cats and dogs can so for rats without being able to get at the pigeons. This is usually accomplished by building the house twelve to twenty-four inches above the ground and bearding up the space between the ground and the floor, but leaving small doors for cats and dogs. Floors built several inches above the ground, except in warm climates, should be double, with building paper between the layers. The house should be tightly constructed on all sides to prevent drafts.

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Washington, D. C., February 18, 1916.

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Hoping to see this letter appear in The Times Sunday, and in anticipation thereof, I am yours respectfully,

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